Examples of Risk & Protective Factors by Domain

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Domain	Risk Factors	Protective Factors
Community	 Availability of drugs Community laws, norms favorable toward drug use Extreme economic & social deprivation Transition & mobility Low neighborhood attachment & community disorganization Unemployment & underemployment Discrimination Pro-drug-use messages in the media 	 Opportunities for participation as active members of the community Decrease substance accessibility Cultural norms that set high expectations for youth Social networks & support systems within the community Media literacy (resistance to pro-use messages) Increased pricing through taxation Raised purchasing age & enforcement Stricter driving-under-the-influence laws
School	 Early & persistent antisocial behavior Academic failure beginning in elementary school Low commitment to school 	 Opportunities for prosocial involvement Rewards/recognition for prosocial involvement Healthy beliefs & clear standards for behavior Caring & support from teachers & staff Positive instructional climate
Family	 Family history of high-risk behavior Family management problems Family conflict Parental attitudes & involvement in the problem behavior 	 Bonding (positive attachments) Healthy beliefs & clear standards for behavior High parental expectations A sense of basic trust Positive family dynamics
Individual/Peer	 Early & persistent antisocial behavior Friends who engage in the problem behavior Favorable attitudes about the problem behavior Early initiation of the problem behavior Negative relationships with adults Risk-taking propensity/impulsivity Association with delinquent peers who use or value dangerous substances Association with peers who reject mainstream activities & pursuits Susceptibility to negative peer pressure Easily influenced by peers 	 Opportunities for prosocial involvement Rewards/recognition for prosocial involvement Healthy beliefs & clear standards for behavior Positive sense of self Negative attitudes about drugs Positive relationships with adults Association with peers who are involved in school, recreation, service, religion, or other organized activities Resistance to peer pressure, especially negative Not easily influenced by peers